

apparently no questions. There is a waiving of the closing. We'll move to a vote on LB 154. If you'd move back to your desks to cast your ballots either for or against the advancement of LB 154. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 154.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. The measure is advanced. We move now to LB 424, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 424 was introduced by the Transportation Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 12th of this year, referred to the Transportation Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: There are committee amendments from Senator Kristensen. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Landis. And what I'm going to do is attempt, through the committee amendments, to explain what we're doing with this piece of legislation and then try to walk us through what the bill does and how all this fits in. To give you some background, Congress gave final approval to an act that, it's called the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994, and, in fact, what this does is preempts us or takes us out of the business of regulating motor carriers of intrastate motor carriers essentially for economic regulation purposes. We still have safety regulation powers in the State of Nebraska for these motor carriers, in other words, size and weights of motor vehicles, hazardous nature of the cargo, regulation of minimum amounts of insurance and liability, those are still there. We also still have our full powers over the economic regulation of household good movers and not for-hire transportation of passengers, so the for-hire category still remains and we really don't do anything with them. Through the committee amendment, we maintain the status quo for the goods movers, in other words, the household good movers, we're going to continue the way the law is today and that's what the committee amendment does. So, for the for-hire provisions and for the household good movers, we're basically keeping them the same under this piece of legislation. What the bill does itself deals with the intrastate, in other words, motor carriers inside the State of Nebraska, they are basically being preempted